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Subject: response to farcase 2001-014

ATTENTION: Laurie Duarte

After reading Page 5A (WASHINGTON POST, 06-18-01) on the subject matter and looking at the pictures of the 'so-called' families, I addressed a letter to Laurie Duarte. (Initially, I attempted to e-mail my response but had trouble getting it through.) In my letter I expressed my concerns about the ridiculous, tasteless, misleading and insulting way the "families" were presented.

Take a good look at the pictures. It appears you are insinuating black families only include a mother and child while Hispanic, Asian and white families ALL include a husband/father figure. How insensitive can you be? Did it never occur to you that black families, too, include fathers/husbands, as well? I state in my letter to you that this is 2001, and yet many people continue to stereotype the black family. Why? Are you saying there are no Hispanic, Asian or white mothers raising their children alone? Or, do you really believe only black mothers raise their children??? Just what point are you trying to make? I could not believe that the NAACP, Urban League and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights endorsed this AD with the pictures you presented with the AD. I took the liberty of sending them a copy of my letter to you. I also sent a copy to the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton and the editor of the WASHINGTON POST. I am hoping you will do an appropriate reprint of this AD and that this will never happen again.